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To: News Media / Interested Parties

From: Department of Planning and Building

Subject: Board of Supervisors Consideration of the Proposed Countywide Water Conservation Program

The San Luis Obispo County Department of Planning and Building announced today that on **October 6, 2015** and on **October 27, 2015** the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors (Board) will consider a San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission (Commission) recommendation made on August 13, 2015 to certify the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report and to adopt proposed amendments to the County General Plan and County Code associated with a proposed Countywide Water Conservation Program (CWCP). All of the associated documents are available on the County Department of Planning and Building webpage under “Water-Related Amendments”: <http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/planning/water-amendments.htm>.

The Board will consider the Commission recommendation in a two part process on **October 6, 2015** and **October 27, 2015**, as required by law. In brief, introduction of items will occur October 6, 2015, while consideration, deliberation, and action on items will occur on October 27, 2015. The Board will not consider final action on the items until October 27, 2015. See below for additional detail.

The first part of the process will occur on **October 6, 2015** during the regular meeting of the Board, when two separate procedural Consent Agenda items related to the proposed CWCP will be introduced. Any actions taken by the Board during the meeting on October 6, 2015 will only be procedural and will not constitute a final action. Public comment will be heard on these items. The first Consent Agenda item to be considered will be the official introduction of the proposed ordinance amendment to Title 8 (Health and Sanitation Ordinance) and Title 19 (Building and Construction Ordinance) of the County Code, which are being recommended in order to implement the requirement that new development offset water use, link the existing well permit requirements to the proposed Agricultural Offset Clearance requirements, and to establish regulations regarding the wasteful use of water. In addition, the proposed amendment to Ordinance 3274 (County Fee Schedule), to establish new fees associated with the implementation of the proposed water offset requirements, will be introduced. The second Consent Agenda item to be considered will be a request to authorize the use of Alternative Publication Procedures for the proposed amendments to the County General Plan, the County Code, and the County Fee Schedule, should the Board take action to adopt those proposed amendments at the public hearing on October 27, 2015. Authorization would allow for a quarter-page display advertisement to be published (in two publications) instead of the full text of the adopted ordinances in order to save on advertising costs.

The second part of the process will occur on **October 27, 2015** during a regular meeting of the Board. The Board will hold a hearing to consider the recommendation from the Commission to adopt the CWCP. During the hearing process, County staff will provide a full presentation on the proposed CWCP, including an overview of the environmental review analysis and a detailed overview of the proposed amendments to the County General Plan, the County Code, and the County Fee Schedule. The presentation will be followed by the public comment period; then the Board will begin their deliberation. If the Board takes action to adopt the proposed amendments, the amendments will take effect 30 days after action. The full staff report and all associated items will be readily available to the public and available online at the Board’s website: <http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/bos/BOSagenda.htm>.

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